



In re application of: Michelson, Gary K.  
Serial No.: 08/354,450  
Filing Date: December 12, 1994  
For: ARTHROSCOPIC MENISCAL REPAIR

Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

XXX Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

       An Associate Power of Attorney form.

XXX A Petition for a one-month extension of time and fee is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL	9	MINUS	9	= 0	x 11 =	\$	OR	x 22 =	\$ 0
INDEP.	2	MINUS	1	= 0	x 38 =	\$	OR	x 76 =	\$ 0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ 120 =	\$	OR	+ 240 =	\$ 0
					ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL	\$	OR	TOTAL	\$ 0

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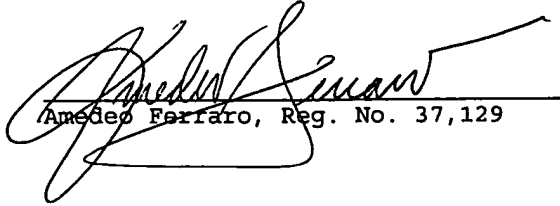
XX A check in the amount of \$55.00 is attached to cover the fee for this amendment and for the attached one-month petition for extension of time.

XX The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2138 under the name of Lewis Anten, a professional corporation. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.

X Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated June 28, 1995, an unnumbered paper. In that Action, the Examiner indicated that the specification was objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Claims 19-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. Claims 19, 22, and 25-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,261,514 issued to Warren on November 16, 1993. Claims 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Warren in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,924,865 issued to Bays et al. on May 15, 1990. Claims 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Warren in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,548,202 issued to Duncan on October 22, 1985.

Please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Application as follows:

Cancel claim 25.

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19. (amended) A tissue rivet for holding two pieces of tissue together and to prevent movement of said rivet in the tissue made